

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2221 - SB 2355

February 25, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to develop and implement an educational and treatment program for compulsive gambling disorder. The bill earmarks \$200,000 annually from drug and alcohol treatment programs for compulsive gambling.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Diverts \$200,000 from the Department of Health to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures - \$200,000

Estimate assumes:

The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities does not fund alcohol and drug treatment programs. The bill intends to divert \$200,000 annually from the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services in the Department of Health to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. This amount is used by the Department of Health as matching funds for a federal grant, therefore transferring the state funds results in a loss of federal revenue.

According to DMHDD, the cost of treatment for gambling disorders is approximately \$3,000 per person. This bill would allow for treatment of 67 persons.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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